



Attorney Docket: BHT/3092-397

Applicant : CHOU  
Application No. : 10/729,980  
Filed : December 9, 2003  
Title : ASSAY SYSTEMS, KITS AND METHODS  
FOR DETECTING MICROORGANISMS  
Group Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner : R. Swartz  
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136 for a **TWO-MONTH** extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action of May 25, 2006. The period for response is accordingly hereby extended to expire on **October 25, 2006**, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a two-month extension of time and payment of the required fee, which is still within the six-month statutory period for response.

The required fee as established by 37 CFR §1.17(a), (b), (c) or (d) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8) is: **\$225.00** for a small entity. You are authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 501874 in the amount of \$225.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this petition to **Deposit Account No. 501874**.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 23, 2006

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